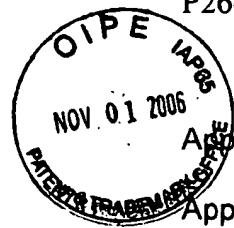


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 11, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on November 13, 2006 (November 11, 2006 being a Saturday), Applicants submit the amendments and remarks as follows for entry in the above-identified patent application and request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application, in due course:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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